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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

The Texas Midwifery Board should remain under the Department of State Health Services due to the health oriented nature of the midwifery profession. The act of caring for and delivering women's maternal health is the primary focus of what they do. Given the specific nature of midwifery care, it is imperative that the Board remain in control of the standards and procedures best suited for their profession and the expecting mothers they care for. Any proposed changes or discussion centering the Texas Midwifery Board and it's law and/or rules should be postponed until the scheduled 2016-2017 Sunset Review.

I received excellent care from a licensed midwife through my pregnancy and for my child's birth last year and I'm very pleased that I had the option to do so. It offered me safe and thorough healthcare throughout the pregnancy, but was distinctly different in approach and detail from my earlier visits with my fantastic OB/GYN (who I still consult for health matters that she is more suited towards).

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Speaking further to the specific nature of midwifery, it is logical that the Midwifery Board should be comprised of the best suited and most knowledgeable individuals to advise and oversee the specifics of midwifery operations in Texas. Licensed midwives currently must complete standardized education requirements and a comprehensive examination to obtain their licensing. Any discussion or changes proposed to the Texas Midwifery Board should be postponed until the 2016-2017 Sunset Review.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree